

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful review of this application. Claims 1-23 were previously pending in this application. Claims 1, 7, 13, 17 and 23 were amended to clarify aspects of the invention. No new matter has been added. Claims 19-22 have been cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, Claims 1-18 and 23 are currently pending in this application.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 19 and 22 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Accordingly, the limitations from Claims 19 and 22 have been incorporated into independent Claims 1, 7, 13, 17 and 23. Therefore, independent Claims 1, 7, 13, 17 and 23 are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-6, 8-12 and 14-16 are either directly or indirectly dependent on independent Claims 1, 7, 13 and 17. Therefore, dependent Claims 2-6, 8-12 and 14-16 are also now in condition for allowance.

The applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of all objections and rejections and a notice of allowance be issued at the earliest possible date.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The amendment was made to expedite the prosecution of this application. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections of the amended claims and reserves the right to re-introduce them and claims of an equivalent scope in a continuation application.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel at the number set out below.

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